

James D. Wilson  
#95B0367  
Orlreans Correctional Facility  
3531 Gaines Basin Road  
Albion, New York 14411

Received & Inspected  
DEC. 15 2014  
FCC Mail Room

December 8, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW; Room TW-B204  
Washington, D.C. 20554

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

Re: WC Docket Number 12-375

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I have been imprisoned in the State of New York for twenty odd years, and up to about five years ago, I made periodic telephone calls to various family members, friends and associates, but when the State Officials allowed **Unisys Corporation and Value Added Communication, Inc.**, to operate the prison telephone system, that company immediately instituted what I call an escrow accounts where the prisoners' family or other would place on deposit a bare minimum of \$25.00 and escalating amounts.

The company is able to hold thousands of dollars of prisoners' family money and draw interest off of it. Without any real benefit to prisoners or their families

Why must the company operate different from regular telephone companies and obtain its respective remittances from the family's regular telephone carrier rather than having to deal with a special and separate carrier in order to talk with a New York State Prisoner.

Originally, the prison telephone carrier was content to receive it monthly remittances from the various telephone company involved in the transactions.

The situation as it exists now amounts to an ancillary fee where the above-referenced corporation is able to collect thousands of dollars, in addition to other thousands of dollars interest on the money held in escrow.

There is no structure within this system to allow the escrow account for the benefit of the depositor. For example, if one deposits \$25.00 and does not use any portion of it for two or three months for telephone calls, should not the depositor receive a substantial portion of the interest which has accrued on it?

Further, there is no way to retrieve deposited monies the operating company assuming the prisoner for whatever reason does not desire to use telephone ever again.

No. of Copies rec'd \_\_\_\_\_  
List ABCDE

0

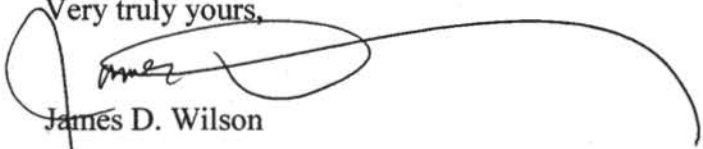
Who retains possession of the deposited monies?

Prisoners should be able to dial directly from an approved list of telephone numbers without the imposition of a middleman connector charging an artificial toll fee and compel the middleman connector to obtain its remittances directly from the company who handled that particular number called rather than forcing the prisoners' loves, friends and associates to open a special account with the predatory concern of **Unisys Corporation and Value Added Communications, Inc.**, and deposit money into it.

That way, family, friends and associates will have ONLY one telephone bill and that would be their respective regular carriers which in many cases have conducted their communication activities for years.

Thanks for considering my concerns about this mater.

Very truly yours,



James D. Wilson

cc: Attorney General  
State of New York